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The wording of Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page's cryptic cablegram was such, says a Washington dispatch, "as to utterly confuse officials of the State Department." That's what comes of making diplomats of literary men.—Boston Transcript.

If the statement of that former Austrian consul is true that German and Austrian agents have spent since the beginning of the war from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 in this country on their spy system, somebody over there is getting terribly buncoed.—Wall Street Journal.

## A HINT TO THE WISE.

From all outward appearances it looks as if Morgan county is on the eve of a business boom such as she has not had for two decades. But there is one cloud still hanging ominously over the business horizon, and that is the wild-cat titles the Continental Coal, Land and Timber Co., of New York, still hold to about 75 per cent of the land in this county. These so-called capitalists and would-be pioneers of development in Eastern Kentucky sought to obtain their holdings from those who had not a shadow of legal title. They claim that they were deceived and make the plea that they are the ones who have been wronged, but up to this good hour they have utterly failed to make good their promises to quiet these titles and begin business in Morgan county in a legitimate and business-like way.

There are said to be some honest men connected with these crooked deals, but the few honest men don't seem to be making much progress toward leavening the loaf. To a casual observer the whole bunch presents the appearance of a set of buccaneers and land-pirates who intend to cling to their illegal holdings with the tenacity of a bulldog and never let go until the people of this and adjoining counties rise in their might and beat them off with whatsoever weapons that may be the most convenient.

One of the methods used by this gang is to come with flattering promises of business development and then when their plans fail to materialize to accuse some of their own associates of being crooked, and say that he must be gotten rid of before development can go on. There is eternally a loose cog in the wheel—their machinery utterly fails to work. The truth of the whole matter is that this bunch of shysters have no intention of doing a legitimate business in this county. If they did they would relinquish their wild-cat titles and purchase the land and timber from the real owners. Their purpose is to bulldoze and browbeat the people in the hope of preventing or delaying development until the landowners become disgusted and disheartened and sell them their lands for next to nothing.

Don't be hoodwinked. They will continue to come with flattering promises. Don't be beguiled like Eve was by the serpent in the garden. You sign your own death-warrant when you deal with men who would dispossess you of your home on the strength of the Amyx or the Reynolds patents. These shysters know very well how to get the confidence and secure the co-operation of the people of Morgan county, but they seemingly have no intention of doing it. If there be honest men among them it is high time they were breaking loose from the old gang and beginning to do business legitimately.

The COURIER has repeatedly offered them space to explain their position, but no satisfactory explanation has ever been made. That offer still holds good, but it is a safe bet that it will not be accepted.

But, gentlemen, don't flatter yourselves that you are "all in clover." There are a few people in Morgan county who are not asleep. The COURIER still has your gang under surveillance. You will hear from us from time to time.

## SCISSORS &amp; PASTE

Good Things Clipped from  
Our Exchanges with an  
Occasional Comment  
By the Editor.

## Mystery Explained.

Joseph Rigg, of Sardis pike, tells the best rat story we have ever heard, and every word of it is true, which makes it better and more interesting. Some years ago he built what might be termed an iron-clad corn crib on his farm, lining it with metal so that it could be classed rat-proof. Near the crib he planted a cherry tree, which in time grew to a height above the crib, one limb

spreading out over the roof. By and by Mr. Rigg made the discovery that rats were raiding his corn heap and he began making an investigation. The bottom, sides and ends of the crib were intact, and he was at a loss to know from whence the intruders effected an entrance. Procuring a ladder he ascended to the roof of the crib and found a hole that had been gnawed by rats, which had climbed the cherry tree and going out on the overhanging limb of the tree dropped down on to the roof of the tree dropped down on to the crib. The balance was easy—for the rats. They feasted on choice corn for a good while before being de-

lected.—Mt. Olivet Tribune-Democrat.

## On the Right Road.

A former member of the Kentucky Legislature, now engaged in the practice of law in Louisville, tells of the time that the question of permitting osteopaths to practice was a mooted one in the legislative body. There were arguments pro and con until the speech of a mountaineer statesman did much toward settling the question. Obtaining recognition, he spoke somewhat as follows: "I'm in favor of letting those osteopaths practice. The homeopaths practice, the allopaths practice. All the other paths practice. And, after all, we may do well to remember that, as the poet says, the paths of all lead but to the grave."—Chicago Ledger.

## A Limit to Friendship.

"Say, Brinson, you'll take Smithers home, won't you? You see, he's in no condition to get there alone. You live just around the corner. Lean him up against the door and ring the bell."  
"Not me. You'll have to find somebody else."  
"What's the matter with you? You know Smithers?"  
"Yes, I know Smithers. And you bet your life I know his wife!"—Exchange.

## Strawberries Still.

Mrs. J. H. Terrill exhibited here Saturday a number of well-developed strawberries, samples of quite a number that were picked from the bed at her home, several miles south of town, last week. Todd county, with the weather that has distinguished November, 1915, will soon rival Florida as a summer resort.—Todd County Times.

## Three Tall Boys.

Henry Santen, a traveling salesman of Paris, has three sons whose combined height is 19 feet, 11 inches. The youngest of the boys is 17 years while the oldest is just past 22. Bernard, the oldest, measures 6 feet 3 1/4 inches, while Henry, the youngest, is 6 feet, 2 inches. Herman, aged 19 years, is the loftiest of the three sons, and measures 6 feet, 5 3/4 inches in his stocking feet. The average height is 6 feet, 3 2/3 inches.

## His Contribution.

There had been a missionary sermon and collection at church, and a little girl who accompanied her father to the service seemed perplexed and meditative. When she reached home she asked her mother whether the native of Africa, of whom they had heard, wore any clothes. "No," replied the mother, "they don't."  
"Then," retorted the observant young lady, "what was the use of the button that father gave to the collection?"—Southern School Journal.

## Yarnings for Home.

"I long to see home," says the sailor when the ship rocks to and fro from the violence of the storm. "I am going home," thinks the shopman when he bars his heavy doors and closes his windows at night, tired with the labors of the day. "I must hurry home," says the mother, whose heart is on her baby in the cradle. "Oh, how I long to get home!" says the schoolboy, disconsolate over the hopeless task. "Don't stop me; I am going home," says the bright-eyed girl, skipping along the footpath. And "almost home," says the dying Christian, "I shall soon be home, and then no more sorrow nor sighing forever. Almost home!" With these joyous and triumphant words upon the lips, he passes away from earth's conflicts to the rest of immortality, and is ever with the Lord.—Selected.

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